

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Justification and Approval**  
**For**  
**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

**1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 15, Ft. Leonard Wood CBOC, Jefferson City CBOC, and Waynesville CBOC

*Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition, 2237 # 589-12-1-5146-0003*

**2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

*To establish a contract with Centurylink for ISDN-PRI circuits, POTS (plain old telephone service), Central Office Trunks or Business Lines.*

**3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** *Centurylink shall provide Direct in Dial phone numbers and additional directory assistance to the CBOC location in Ft. Leonard Wood CBOC, Jefferson City CBOC, and Waynesville CBOC. Service cost is \$12,780.00 per year base and 2 option years. Total cost= \$38,340.00*

**4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** *The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1).*

- ( X ) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;  
( ) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;  
( ) (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;  
( ) (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4  
( ) (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;  
( ) (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;  
( ) (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;

**5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** *Centurylink is the only authorized phone carrier in this region of the country. No other phone company may provide service in this region. Without phone service the CBOC operations will not be possible to provide care to the patients.*

**6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** *A notice of intent to award a sole source action will be published FBO*

**7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** *This contractor will provide information (i.e. other than cost or pricing data), which could include commercial price lists and prices for similar or the same services provided to other customers, to assist the Contracting Officer in determining if the contractor's proposed price is fair and*



reasonable for the services to be provided. The Contracting Officer anticipates the cost of this procurement to be fair and reasonable.

**8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons**


**Market Research Was Not Conducted:** In accordance with FAR 10.002, market research was conducted to identify any other sources for this requirement. Market Research consisted of an internet search and a search of GSA for a VA Federal Supply Schedule contract with Centurylink. No existing contract was identified. Also, a search of the FBO website was conducted. There were notices of VHA VISNs and other agencies purchasing this service and they were all issued under the authority of FAR Part 6.302-1.

**9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None

**10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None

**11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:** N/A.

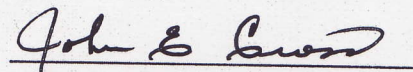
**12. Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Name Jesse H. Cox  
Title Telecom manager  
Facility Columbia VA

9/8/11  
Date

**13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

**a. Contracting Officer's Certification: (required)** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
John E Cross  
CONTRACTING OFFICER  
VISN 15

9/8/11  
Date

b. **VISN/PCA QA:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. \*This signature may be the VISN NCM/PCM if the Contracting Officer and Contracting Supervisor is the same individual.

Christy Herbig  
Christy Herbig  
QUALITY ASSURANCE COMPLIANCE MANAGER  
VISN 15

9/13/11  
Date

c. **NCM/PCM :** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Bernadette Cothorn  
Bernadette Cothorn  
NETWORK CONTRACT MANAGER  
VISN 15

9-14-2011  
Date

d. **SAO:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

N/A  
PAMELA J. SANDERS  
DIRECTOR  
SAO CENTRAL REGION

DATE

e. **VHA HCA's Review and Approval:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval (over \$50 million), approve (up to \$ 50 million) for other than full and open competition.

N/A  
Mr. Norbert Doyle  
Acting Chief Procurement Officer  
VHA, Head of Contracting Activity

DATE



**f. VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$50 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

N/A  
JAN R. FRYE  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
OFFICE OF ACQUISITION AND LOGISTICS  
SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE (SPE)

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Date

### **VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) Approval Process**

Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) – Process for Authorities which **require** HCA approval.

- Network and Program Contracting Managers (NCM/PCM) will electronically transmit each HCA package with the request for approval through the Service Area Office (SAO).
- SAO will review the request ensuring all packages submitted contain the required documentation. Upon approval, the SAO Director or Designee will enter the request in the Acquisition Resource Center (ARC) – HCA Community site located at:  
<http://arc.aac.va.gov/Acquisition/ARCCommunities/VHAHCA/Pages/default.aspx> .
- The SAO Director or Designee will log the document on the tracking sheet and save it in the appropriate SAO folder based on the request type. The SAO or designee will then send a message to the “VHA CO HCA Requests” mail group to alert 10F that a request has been submitted for review.
- The Operations Director or designee will review and concur on the task package. After concurrence, the document will be prepared for the signature of the Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer or when required transmitted directly to the Deputy Senior Procurement Executive (DSPE) after CPLO concurrence.

When the CPLO or DSPE approves and signs or denies the request, the document will be scanned into the ARC community and the SAO will be electronically notified